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> In Reply Refer To: NVN-«case_ser_no» 3809 (NV040)

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Dear Operator:

This letter is in reference to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) case file number «old_serial_number», which documents notice-level surface disturbing activities under BLM's surface management regulations at 43 CFR 3809. For administrative reasons the case file number has been changed as follows: «old serial number» to «case ser no».

Please refer to the new case file number on all future correspondence.

The above-mentioned notice was established in accordance with the 43 CFR §3809 Regulations that were in effect as of that time (pre-2001 regulations). Revisions to the 43 CFR §3809 Regulations became effective January 20, 2001 (current regulations). Notices on file with the BLM on January 20, 2001, that have not been modified or extended will expire on January 20, 2003. Without modifications to the notice, operating under the conditions of the pre-2001 regulations is authorized until January 20, 2003. To remain in compliance with the current regulations, one of the following two actions must be taken on or before January 20, 2003:

- 1. Reclaim the existing surface disturbance to the standards established in §3809.1-3(d) (pre-2001 regulations). This action does not require the posting of a financial guarantee. After January 20, 2003, your notice will expire and no further operations, except reclamation activities, will be authorized under the notice.
- 2. Extend the notice, with or without an amendment or modification, and establish a bond in accordance with §3809.333 and §3809.503, (current regulations), respectively. If your operation involves mining activity of any type or size, and you wish to continue operating past January 20, 2003, you will need to file a mine plan of operations and a bond. Extensions for notices can be granted on a two-year basis and will be in effect

upon the acceptance of a suitable financial guarantee. Under the new regulations, a mining notice is limited to mining exploration under 5 acres.

Conducting operations, other than reclamation, on an expired notice is prohibited. Furthermore, failure to perform one of the above actions will result in the issuance of a notice of noncompliance. If your notice expires, you may file a new notice or plan of operations in accordance with the current, revised 43 CFR 3809 Regulations.

For those operators/claimants who choose to extend their notice, a copy of the 43 CFR §3809 Regulations may be obtained by contacting the Ely Field Office BLM at the above address or by visiting http://www.nv.blm.gov/minerals/mining/locatable/index.htm. Further information and forms for bonding, reclamation, and acceptable financial instruments may be obtained by also calling the Ely BLM Field Office or visiting the Nevada BLM Minerals website at: http://www.nv.blm.gov/minerals/mining/locatable/Reclamation Bonding.htm

Questions concerning this letter can be addressed to Lynn Bjorklund at (775) 289-1893 or Bill Wilson at (775) 289-1882.

Sincerely,

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